



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masahiro YATAKE

Group Art Unit: 1714

Application No. 09/909,417

Examiner: Callie E. Shosho

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For: SACCHARIDE-ALKYLENEOXY DERIVATIVE AND INK

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Masahiro Yatake, do declare and state that:

I graduated from Science and Technology of
Nagasaki University, Department of Materials Science and
Engineering, Superstructural Materials Engineering
Laboratory in March of 1983.

I graduated from Graduate School of Science and
Technology of Nagasaki University, Course of Materials
Science and Engineering, Superstructural Materials
Engineering Laboratory, receiving a Master's Degree in
Polymer Material Engineering in March of 1985.

I was employed by Seiko Epson Corporation in
April of 1985, and since that time to March of 1993, I had

been principally engaged in development relating to magnet optical media in said company.

After that, I have been principally engaged in development relating to ink jet inks in said company.

I am the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application and am familiar with the Office Action dated August 22, 2006 issued therein.

The following comparative experimentation was conducted by me or under my supervision to demonstrate the unexpected superiority of the claimed invention.

EXPERIMENTATION

Ink compositions were prepared in accordance with the formulations shown in Table A below.

Table A

	Invention Example	Comparative Example (Yui)
Carbon Black *1)	5	5
Glycerol	10	12
Sorbitol-Ethyleneoxy Derivative *2)	10	0
Diglycerol-PO17 Adduct *3)	0	7
Thiodiethanol *4)	0	6
Triethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether	5.5	0
1,2-Hexanediol	1.0	0
Ion-Exchanged Water	balance	balance

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Notes:

- *1) Water-soluble pigment 1 used in Example 7 of the present application
- *2) Compound used in Example 6 of the present application
- *3) Compound used in Example 2 of Yui et al.
- *4) Compound used in Example 2 of Yui et al.

Using each of the thus obtained ink compositions, printing was carried out in the same manner as in the Examples of the present application. The resulting printed sheet obtained with the ink of the Invention Example and that obtained with the ink of the Comparative Example are attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 and Exhibit A-2, respectively. The printed sheet obtained with the ink of the Comparative Example (i.e., Exhibit A-2) shows less color development and white (blank) streaks generated in solid-printing portions and large characters.

In addition, closeup pictures of the letter "機" in Exhibits A-1 and A-2 were taken and they are both shown in Exhibit B attached hereto for comparison. As can be seen therefrom, a distinct image is obtained in the Invention Example, whereas the image obtained in the Comparative Example is thinned and blurred.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made

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on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: _____

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Attachments:

Exhibits A-1 and A-2

Exhibit B

News Letter

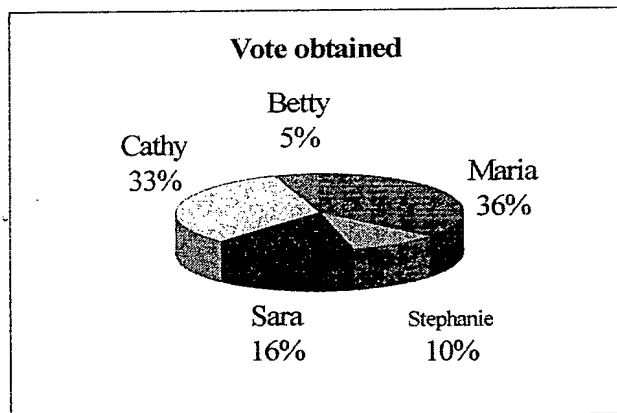
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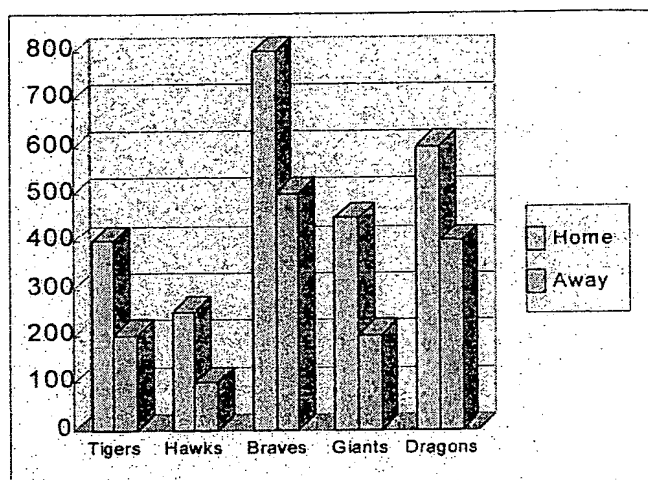


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M/C = A650 media; Xerox 4200
 モード: Speed , ファイン
 ink = 本発明

Inventory List

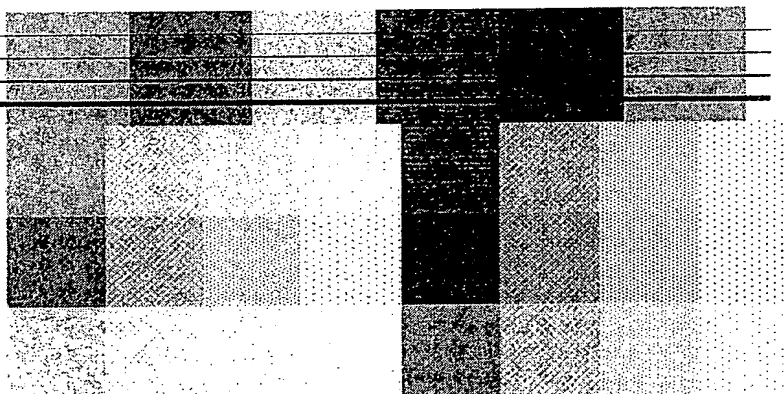


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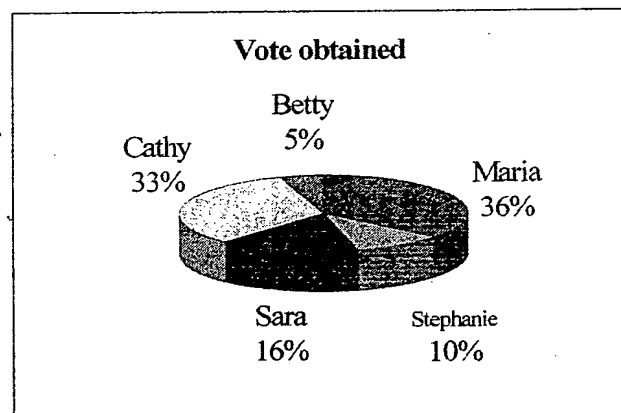
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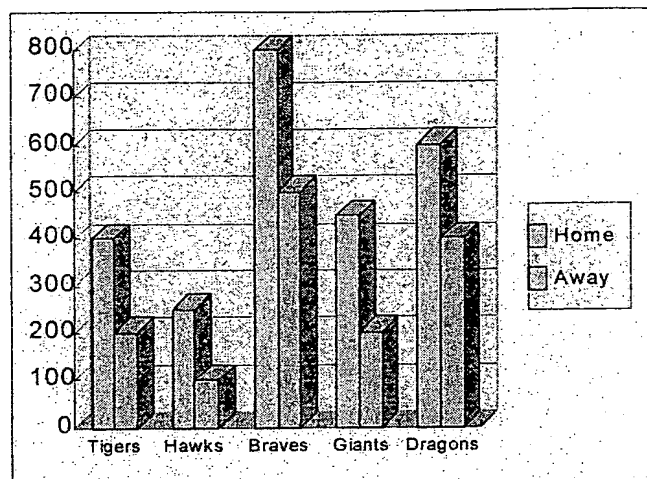


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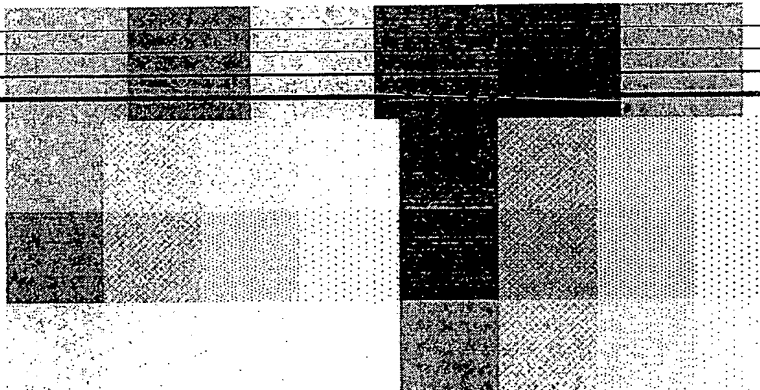


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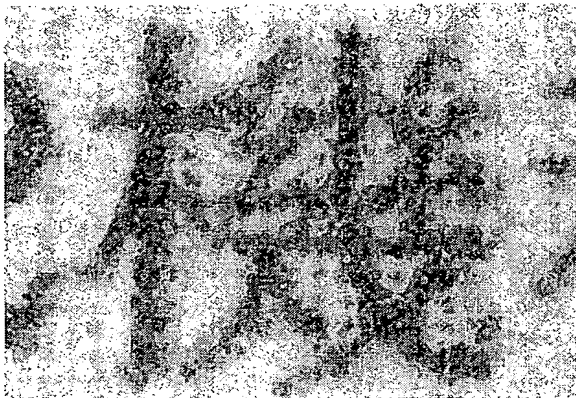
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Exhibit B

Invention Example



Comparative Example (Yui)



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